

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein. Claims 17-24 have been canceled. No claims have been amended or added. Thus, claims 1-16 and 25-29 are pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 12 and 21 were rejected as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey the invention to one skilled in the art. Claim 21 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claim 21 is moot. Claim 12 has been amended to recite a non-volatile storage medium, which is described in the specification. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 9-11, 14-16, 18-20 and 22-24 were rejected as failing to provide proper antecedent basis. Claims 18-20 and 22-24 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 18-20 and 22-24 is moot. Claims 9-11 and 14-16 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 9-11 and 14-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 12 and 21 were rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 21 has been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claim 21 is moot. Claim 12 has

been amended to recite a non-volatile storage medium, which is clearly statutory subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-14, 17, 18, 21, 22 and 25-27 were rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0143531 of Atri (*Atri*) in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0088904 of Sinclair (*Sinclair*). Claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 is moot. For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-14 and 25-27 are not rendered obvious by *Atri* and *Sinclair*.

The present application (10/581,754) and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0143531 (*Atri*) were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Intel Corporation. Accordingly, *Atri* cannot be used to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of the claims of the present application.

Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 28 and 29 were rejected as being unpatentable over Atri and Sinclair in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0245236 of Zaidi (Zaidi). Claims 19, 20, 23 and 24 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 19, 20, 23 and 24 is moot. For at least the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit that claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 15, 16, 28 and 29 are not rendered obvious by *Atri* and *Sinclair*.

The present application (10/581,754) and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0143531 (*Atri*) were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Intel Corporation. Accordingly, *Atri* cannot be used to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of the claims of the present application.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1-16 and 25-29 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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